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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This responds to the Office Action dated October 3, 2000.

In the claims:

Amend claim 130 as follows:

At the first line of the claim, delete "comprised of" and insert --comprising--.

At page 105, line 11, at the end of the line, insert --and--.

Amend claims 163-166 as follows:

In claim 163, lines 1-2, delete "1, 8, 16, 26, 37, 46" and "56" and "141" and "148 or 159"; and after "138" insert --or--.

In claim 164, lines 1-2, delete "1, 8, 16, 26, 37, 46" and "56" and "141" and "148, 153 or 159"; and after "138" insert --or--.

In claim 165, lines 1-2, delete "1, 8, 16, 26, 37, 46" and "56" and "141" and "148, 153 or 159"; and after "138" insert --or--.

In claim 166, lines 1-2, delete "1, 8, 16, 26, 37, 46" and "56" and "141" and "148, 153 or 159"; and after "138" insert --or--.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 USC sec. 121 and 372

Restriction under 35 USC Sec. 121 is improper. Such restriction would be appropriate only if the application had been filed under 35 USC section 111. But this application was filed not under 35 USC section 111. It was filed under 35 USC section 371. As such, the Examiner may not impose a Restriction Requirement under 35 USC sec. 121. See MPEP 1893.03(d).

The Restriction Requirement was traversed in our Response of September 6, 2000, and applicant